



## GEAR UP College Day Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2013-14



### Description

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle schools and high schools. The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. **GEAR UP/COLLEGE DAY (GUCD)** targets low-income students in the state of Michigan providing them with support services to increase their opportunity to succeed in higher education at Michigan's higher educational institutions.

### Application

Each participating GUCD partner provided a rank order list of 2011-12 graduating seniors who have participated in the program. Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) awarded scholarships to the highest ranked students based on the amount of scholarship funds available. **Students are responsible for notifying the SSG of a change of address or college choice.**

### Program Limits

Students may receive scholarship assistance for up to five academic years to be completed within six years of high school graduation. The maximum award amount a student can receive is **\$5,550** per year for full-time enrollment; less than full-time enrollment is prorated. GUCD funds may be used for educational cost, including Estimated Family Contribution (EFC); not to exceed the cost of attendance. Future awards are subject to available and approved funds.

### Eligibility

General eligibility requirements include:

- Have successfully completed the GUCD six-year program.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
- Demonstrate financial need by being eligible for a Pell Grant for the first year of the award.\*
- Enroll at least half time at an approved Michigan public degree-granting college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident prior to enrolling in college.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or approved refugee.
- Not be incarcerated.
- For renewal, meet institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy for scholarship continuation.
- Must not be in default on Federal/State student loan.

\*Non-Pell eligible students may be awarded if funds are available.

### Order of Scholarships Awarded to Students

The Federal Pell Grant must be awarded first; other public and private grants, scholarships or tuition discounts second; the GUCD Scholarship third; and then other financial assistance. (For example: Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees only, whereas GUCD funds can be used to cover any educational expenses.

### For More Information

Visit [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg). Contact the GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship program, **Student Scholarships and Grants**, toll-free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), e-mail [ssg@michigan.gov](mailto:ssg@michigan.gov) or fax at (517)-241-5835.



## **GEAR UP College Day Scholarship**

Scholarships may be used only at a Michigan **Public** degree-granting institution, approved by the State Board of Education, eligible for listing in the publication entitled, “Directory of Michigan Institutions of Higher Education,” and a participant in the federal student aid programs. Participating colleges are listed:

### **Participating Institutions**

Alpena Community College  
Bay de Noc Community College  
Bay Mills Community College  
Central Michigan University  
Delta College  
Eastern Michigan University  
Ferris State University  
Glen Oaks Community College  
Gogebic Community College  
Grand Rapids Community College  
Grand Valley State University  
Henry Ford Community College  
Jackson College  
Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
Kellogg Community College  
Kirtland Community College  
Lake Michigan College  
Lake Superior State University  
Lansing Community College  
Macomb Community College  
Michigan State University  
Michigan Technological University

Mid Michigan Community College  
Monroe County Community College  
Montcalm Community College  
Mott Community College  
Muskegon Community College  
North Central Michigan College  
Northern Michigan University  
Northwestern Michigan College  
Oakland Community College  
Oakland University  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Schoolcraft College  
Southwestern Michigan College  
St. Clair County Community College  
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor  
University of Michigan – Dearborn  
University of Michigan – Flint  
Washtenaw Community College  
Wayne County Community College  
Wayne State University  
West Shore Community College  
Western Michigan University